



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: On January 23, 2006, the Attorney Mr. Mark D. Simpson and Examiner conducted a telephonic interview in which the claims of the present application were discussed. The Examiner indicated that it was his opinion that U.S. Patent No. 6,115,720 to Bleizeffer et al., assigned to International Business Machines Corporation, teaches a map in the form of a navigation bar that includes rectangular icons associated with functions and parameters displayed in a GUI window. The Examiner gave as an example of this navigation bar the rectangular box along the left side of Figure 9, which includes a map of multiple rectangular icons (e.g., the first of these icons is labeled "Welcome" in Figure 9). The Examiner further indicated that these icons are clickable to perform functions, and the Examiner took the position that U.S. Patent No. 6,115,720 anticipates the claimed invention as claimed, for example, in claims 1 and 11. The Examiner further indicated that U.S. Patent No. 6,115,720 does not teach the scrolling function of the navigation bar of the claimed invention as set forth in claim 8. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that the scrollability of the navigation bar without changing what is displayed in the main GUI window is not taught or suggested by the prior art, and that if applicant amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 8, and made similar amendments to independent claim 11, that the application would be in allowable condition.

The above information describes the substance of the conversation held between the Attorney and the Examiner. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in this telephone interview with Attorney Mr. Mark D. Simpson on 01/20/06 and 01/23/06..